

Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate EMPLOYMENT TRAINING OFFICE PO BOX 509 AGENCY VILLAGE, SD 57262 (605) 698-4400 • FAX (605) 698-3708

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CC: 477 Assigned Specialist

Subject Heading: CRRSA use of funds

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate operating under 477 Plan will provide the following services in accordance with the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate 477 approved plan and policies as applicable.

Re: planned use of Child Care and Development Fund (CCDF) Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act, 2021 (CRRSA) Funds is as follows:

Direct Child Care Services (Subsidies)

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate does plan to use the CRRSA funds to provide direct childcare services including, but not limited to;

- o Childcare subsidy assistance to health care sector employees
- o Emergency responders
- Sanitation workers
- o Farm and other food service workers
- o and/or other workers deemed essential or frontline during the response to coronavirus



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Virus Mitigation Policies and Practices

The Sisseton- Wahpeton Oyate 477 program will use CRRSA funds to provide resources for the following, but not limited to;

- Resources stock of supply of money for materials or staff or other assists in order function effectively
- O Supplies, including but not limited to Personal Protective Equipment
- Technical assistance to childcare providers to support implementation of health and safety practices and policies in line the guidance from State and local health departments and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)

Grants or Assistance (Other than Subsidies) to Stabilize Child Care Providers

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate 477 program will use CRRSA funds to, but are not limited to;

- support the stability of the childcare sector to help childcare providers (program facilities and workforce) pay for increased operating expenses during the COVID-19 public health emergency
- o pay childcare assistance to providers for children absent due to closure or quarantine or isolation.

The 477 program will follow the approved plan and any approved tribal policy that is applicable.

<u>Assistance to Providers Not Participating in the Subsidy System Prior to the Pandemic</u>

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate 477 program will follow their approved plan and policy and procedures in providing services to CCDF eligible providers.



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Other

The Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate approved 477 plan, approved waivers, and policy and procedures will be used to determine eligible expenses other than what is determined in the above statements.

If the Sisseton-Wahpeton Oyate 477 program determines the funds will be used for construction, then a construction/renovation application will be sent in no later than July 1, 2021